

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the previously amended paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following amended paragraphs:

This application is a continuation of: international application PCT/US02/03097 filed January 30, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,694 filed January 31, 2001; international application PCT/US02/03168 filed January 31, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,693 filed January 31, 2001; international application PCT/US02/02892 filed January 31, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,695 filed January 31, 2001; and international application PCT/US02/03169 filed January 30, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,692 filed January 31, 2001. This application also claims the benefit of concurrently filed U.S. Application No. [[____]]10/632,534, entitled "COMPETITIVE AMPLIFICATION OF FRACTIONATED TARGETS FROM MULTIPLE NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES" by Matthew M. Winkler and David Brown, which claims the benefit of the instant application and which is a continuation of: international application PCT/US02/03169 filed January 30, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,692 filed January 31, 2001; international application PCT/US02/03168 filed January 31, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,693 filed January 31, 2001; international application PCT/US02/02892 filed January 31, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,695 filed January 31, 2001; and international application PCT/US02/03097 filed January 30, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,694 filed January 31, 2001.

Applicants specifically incorporate herein by reference the entire disclosures of each of the following applications and publications: PCT/US02/03097, PCT Publication WO 02/061143, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,694; PCT/US02/03168, PCT Publication WO 02/064835, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,693; PCT/US02/02892, PCT Publication WO 02/061140, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,695; and

PCT/US02/03169, PCT Publication WO 02/061145, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,692. Applicants further specifically incorporate herein by reference the entire disclosure of concurrently filed U.S. Application No. [[____]]10/632,534, entitled "COMPETITIVE AMPLIFICATION OF FRACTIONATED TARGETS FROM MULTIPLE NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES" by Matthew M. Winkler and David Brown.

Please replace the previously amended paragraph beginning on page 66, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Techniques for use of the invention in regard to this form of array analysis are further described in concurrently filed U.S. Application No. [[____]]10/632,534, entitled "COMPETITIVE AMPLIFICATION OF FRACTIONATED TARGETS FROM MULTIPLE NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES" by Matthew M. Winkler and David Brown and co-pending Application PCT/US02/03169 filed January 30, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/265,692 filed January 31, 2001, entitled "COMPETITIVE AMPLIFICATION OF FRACTIONATED TARGETS FROM MULTIPLE NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES," the disclosures of which are specifically incorporated herein by reference in its entirety without disclaimer.